MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
JUNE 19, 1962

The Commission met, in executive session, pursuant to notice, at 10:15 a.m., with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley
Felix W. de Weldon
Douglas W. Orr
William G. Perry
Michael Rapuano
Ralph Walker

L.R. Wilson, Secretary
Charles H. Atherton, Asst. Sec'y
C.L. Martin, Counsel
Susan E. Bennett, Admin. Asst.
Gilbert Halasz, Recorder

I. ADMINISTRATION

a. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission was tentatively set for 19 September 1962 at 9:30 a.m., with an executive session to be held on 18 September, at 10:15 a.m.

b. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings on May 17 and 18 were approved as drafted.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS-INTERVIEWS

1. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

a. Washington Planetarium and Space Center, Daingerfield Island - Proposed Design

A scale model, elevation drawings, and site plan of the proposed planetarium building were reviewed.

The proposed design was a circular building 185 feet in diameter and 58 feet high. The center of the building was a domed circular chamber, 85 feet in diameter, with a seating capacity of 900 persons. Within this chamber the projection instrument would be located. The remaining space around the periphery of the central chamber was divided into a large exhibition room, model building and lecture rooms, and a library.

The exterior walls would be constructed of reinforced concrete faced with a white tile or other suitable material. The hemispherical dome of the projection chamber would also be of reinforced concrete, and the undulating roof of the peripheral area would consist of pre-cast folded plate or reinforced concrete sections.

The members were interested in what material would be used to cover the concrete roof and how the architect proposed to structurally control the movement of the dome caused by the rotation due to uneven thermal expansion and contraction. They decided to ask the architect about these matters on the following day.

In general the members approved of the architecture of the design of the building, but they objected to the siting of the building in relation to the circulation and parking of motor vehicles. They thought that the location of the parking area should be restudied because it blocked the view of the building from the Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway. They resolved to ask the architect to reconsider the site plan.

No action was taken pending a conference with the architect and representatives of the National Park Service on the following day.

b. National Park Service Operations Building, Region Six, East Potomac Park - Status

The Commission reviewed contract plans for the building approved by the National Park Service to be erected adjacent to the Potomac River near the Southwest Freeway. A contract for construction of Units A and A-1 was authorized April 6, 1962.

After examining the plans Mr. Walker stated that they were not in accordance with the agreement concerning the design which he had made at a meeting in New York with Mr. William Haussmann, Chief Architect for Region Six, on January 19, 1962. He stated that on the basis of that agreement, he had recommended to the Commission that it approve the design. This was done by a letter from the Chairman, approved by the members of the Commission and dated March 2, 1962.

Mr. Walker stated that inasmuch as the Park Service had ignored the agreement reached with Mr. Haussmann, he wishedto completely disassociate himself with the resulting building, and would prepare a letter to the Director of the National Park Service stating his position. EXHIBIT A

The letter was later read to the members, who approved it unanimously.

c. Boy Scout Memorial, East Side of Ellipse - Status

At their request the members were shown final architectural plans for the Memorial. They were informed that the National Park Service

had issued a permit for the memorial and that construction had begun. No action was deemed necessary.

d. Square 617, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue - Status

The members were informed that a number of recent stories had appeared in the Washington newspapers criticizing the National Park Service and the Commission of Fine Arts about the condition of the Square. The articles reported that since the recent use of the park for exhibition purposes by the National Cancer Institute a large area of the grass had been destroyed and had not been replaced. Also mentioned was an illuminated three-sided billboard and a model of an insect entitled "Litterbug" which had been erected in the Square to discourage the misuse of parkland. District Commissioner Tobriner was quoted in one article to be considering staging band concerts, art fairs and other cultural affairs in the Square.

The land involved, which is administered by the National Park Service, has been designated as the site of a memorial to General John J. Pershing. A design for this memorial has been approved by the Commission, and bills authorizing the American Battle Monuments Commission to construct the memorial are pending in the 87th Congress.

The members agreed that they had no objections to the use of the land as a site for temporary exhibitions and cultural activities until such time as construction of the General Pershing Memorial, or other suitable monuments, are authorized by Congress. However, they recommended that if it is to be used in such a manner, facilities which are adequate and properly designed should be provided. They were of the opinion that the site is much too important because of its proximity to the White House Grounds and as a parade route to be mis-used as it has in the recent past. EXHIBIT B

2. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program for Recording

The Commission met with Mr. Shelby Thompson, Director, Office of Educational Programs and Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who requested the Commission's advice on the development of a program utilizing the talents of artists in this country in recording the activities of the Space Administration.

Mr. Thompson asked for the Commission's advice on how to proceed to develop a program and what activities the Commission thought would be most appropriately included.

As to the means of developing a program, the members suggested that the Space Administration should consider employing a consultant, or

someone to take sole responsibility for the administration of the program.

It was suggested that the Commission could assist the Space Administration by giving its advice on the qualifications of individual artists considered for various commissions.

There was a general discussion of the means which could be employed to achieve the desired ends. The members believed that, above all, artists should be encouraged to be imaginative in their portrayal of impressions of space exploration and should not be restricted to producing realistic recreations of the science and technology involved.

Mr. Thompson thanked the members for their suggestions and said that he would report further progress to the Commission. No further action was deemed necessary at the present time.

3. Department of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Heraldic Institute

United States Air Force Distinguished Service Medal - Revised Design

The members asked Mr. de Weldon for his opinion of the proposed design which the Commission had examined at the May meeting while he was abroad.

Mr. de Weldon agreed with the conclusion reached by the other members that the asymetrical composition of a half-wing, arm and hand was unsatisfactory. He suggested that the design would be improved if the arm and hand were eliminated, and a full wing substituted for a half-wing. He also commented that the lettering was poor and should be restudied.

The Commission concurred in Mr. de Weldon's suggestions and authorized the Chairman to advise the Heraldic Institute of its recommendations.

EXHIBIT C

4. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Buildings and Grounds

Garrison School, 13th and S Streets, N.W. - Proposed Design

The members examined architectural drawings and a rendering of a proposed design for a new elementary school to be located on S Street, Northwest between Vermont Avenue and 13th Street.

The members were disappointed that the proposed design was another stereotype school building which lacked any degree of architectural distinction. They also regretted that the plans appeared to have been developed to such a degree that any significant changes were precluded.

No action was taken pending a conference with a representative of the Department of Buildings and Grounds on the following day.

b. Department of Highways and Traffic

(1) Inner Loop Freeway, East Leg - Status

The members were informed of recent developments in the status of plans for the construction of the East Leg of the Inner Loop Freeway System. This segment of the System will run northward from the proposed Interchange C in Southeast Washington. EXHIBIT D

Mrs. James C. Rowe, Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission attended the meeting during the discussion of this matter and told the members that the Planning Commission had held a special meeting on this problem on June 14 and 15 to re-examine the Commission's position on the various key segments of the Inner Loop System. She said that a resolution had been adopted unanimously at the meeting. In the resolution, the Commission noted that at its meeting in November, 1961, it had approved the south and east legs of the Inner Loop "in principle" with the understanding that a model of the individual portions of the proposed construction would be presented for further consideration before any work would be undertaken. The Commission then stated that it must have the opportunity to examine alternative solutions before approving any plans which will displace thousands of people. Mrs. Rowe told the members that she hoped that the resolution would make it clear that before approving any further plans for the Inner Loop System the Planning Commission will wait until November, 1962, to examine the National Capital Transportation Agency's report to Congress.

Mr. Walker, whose architectural firm is advising the District Highway Department on design aspects of the Freeway System, told the members that, in his opinion, the concept of a freeway as a wide, open trench with sloping sides was fundamentally wrong because it isolates one part of a city from another. Instead, in his opinion, the roadway should be narrow and deep with high vertical sides and as much overhang as possible to preserve land for park use and to minimize the noise factor. The members of the Commission agreed.

No action by the Commission was deemed necessary.

(2) Lighting Standards for Southwest - Letter from Mr. Francis Twiss, Deputy Director, Bureau of Design and Engineering

It was reported that copies of a letter and attached map received from Mr. Francis Twiss, Deputy Director, Bureau of Design and Engineering, Department of Highways and Traffic, had been circulated to the members by mail with a request for their comments. The letter constituted Mr. Twiss' understanding of the Commission's recommendations, made at a

conference on May 15, on lighting standards to be used in various parts of the district. EXHIBIT E

The members disagreed with Mr. Twiss' interpretation of the result of the discussion in at least three respects, i.e., (1) that the Commission did not consider Constitution and Independence Avenues a part of the Mall Park System, and therefore, would not object to replacing the existing 1923 fixtures on these avenues with pendant-type highway lighting standards; and, (2) that the new pole-type lights, designed by the General Electric Company and approved by the Commission on February 20, 1962, would be used only around major public buildings and the Tenth Street Mall in the Southwest Renewal Area; and, (3) that pendant-type fixtures would be utilized elsewhere in the Southwest and the rest of the City.

The members agreed that Independence Avenue and Constitution Avenue are a part of the Mall Park System and that the 1923 fixtures should be retained along those streets as long as possible. They agreed that the Commission would not recommend that highway type lights be used on these important streets.

The members also had understood that the new pole-type fixtures would be used throughout the Southwest Renewal Area, except along Independence Avenue.

Finally, the members discussed other areas of the city, such as the major avenues and squares, which they felt were also monumental areas wherein the highway type lights should be excluded.

It was decided that the Chairman should write to Engineer Commissioner Clarke and explain to him the Commission's recommendations, and attach a map of the District of Columbia to the letter designating what type of lighting standards the Commission recommended for various parts of the District. EXHIBIT F

c. Department of Highways and Traffic and Department of the Navy

Relocation of Statue of Dr. Benjamin Rush - Status

The members were informed that the Department of the Navy is considering preliminary engineering plans of revisions to the vehicular circulation plan for the grounds of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and until the new traffic pattern is finally established, the precise location of the statue of Dr. Rush cannot be determined. Several alternate sites will be available. It is anticipated that at some future date, the Commission will be requested to advise on the exact placement of the statue in relation to the building.

No action was deemed necessary at the present time.

d. Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia

Zoning Amendments - Arcades

Counsel discussed a proposal sponsored by the National Capital Planning Commission, to amend the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia by adding a new section, Article 7515. The proposed amendment is intended to encourage the construction of open arcades in private buildings, subject to certain restrictions. The draft proposal is EXHIBIT G. The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal recently. It was supported by the Washington Board of Trade, but a report of the Zoning Advisory Council recommended that the proposal be sent back to the Planning Commission for further study and clarification. EXHIBIT H

The Commission agreed that open arcades offer certain advantages and at times are a distinct asset. However, it was pointed out that the architectural design of arcades is a matter of great importance, and, therefore, the zoning regulations must clearly set forth architectural considerations such as the permissable depth, size, uses, etc. The members agreed that the draft lacked concise statements of the intent of the regulation in these matters and should be revised accordingly.

The Chairman was authorized to write to the Chairman of the Zoning Commission and urged that the amendment as drafted be rejected. The members also agreed that the Commission should inform the Zoning Commission that it would be glad to advise upon the architectural design of arcades if requested to do so. EXHIBIT I

e. Department of Licenses and Inspections
Public Law 231, 71st Congress (Shipstead-Luce)

(1) Building Applications - Appendix 1

Reports of recommended actions were submitted to the Commission for confirmation on the Shipstead-Luce Applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections. The reports were dated June 7 to 20th, 1962, and comprised Appendix 1 of the Order of Business. Confirmation of the actions was given in each instance of the favorable recommendations, and of unfavorable recommendations in the following cases:

S.L. 2501 - 1301 E Street, N.W., Drug Fair, Inc.
S.L. 2517 - 223 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E, Neptune Grill

(2) Preliminary Submission: Watergate Project - Status

The Secretary reported that as agreed at the Commission's meeting on May 16, Mr. Orr, Mr. Rapuano and Mr. Walker had met with Professor Luigi Moretti, architect, and representatives of the Island Vista

Corporation to further discuss the design of the Watergate Project.

A copy of the agreement is attached as EXHIBIT J. The essential point of the agreement was that the total floor area (and resulting bulk) of any project erected under Article 75 of the Zoning regulations would not exceed the previously allowable limit for any given parcel of land. In effect the scale of open public space in the city is preserved. Later, the statement of the agreement was unanimously approved by the other members of the Commission. The Chairman was authorized to transmit a copy of the agreement to the Chairman of the Zoning Commission, and to notify him that as soon as the revisions proposed by Professor Moretti had been reviewed by the Commission a recommendation would be made. EXHIBIT K

The Secretary announced that word had been received from a representative of the Island Vista Corporation that Professor Moretti was ill in Rome and that a conference with him to discuss revised plans for the Watergate Project scheduled for June 25th would have to be postponed. It was suggested by the Island Vista representative that the conference could be scheduled some time in July. The Commission concluded that, if possible, the architect members could confer with Professor Moretti in New York City on July 6th. Mr. Walker said he would make arrangements to hold the conference at the Union League Club.

(3) Shipstead-Luce Revisions - Status

The status of a draft of proposed amendments to the Shipstead-Luce Act was briefly discussed. Counsel stated that,if the Commission gave its approval, a draft bill would be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget for transmission to Congress. The members agreed that if possible the draft bill should be approved by the District Commissioners, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts before it was sent to the Bureau of the Budget. It was decided that the draft bill should not be introduced until the first session of the 88th Congress, because the short period of time remaining in the second session of the 87th Congress precludes any possibility of action on the measure.

A suggestion was approved that the draft bill be changed to eliminate a proposed amendment to give legal status to the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects in light of the conclusion reached at the May 15 meeting that a panel of architects is no longer necessary.

The members also approved a suggestion that the period of time within which the Commission must transmit its recommendations to the District Commissioners on building applications should be changed from 30 to 45 days so as to conform to a similar provision in the Old Georgetown Act (Public Law 808). This change was believed necessary because the increased area controlled by the Shipstead-Luce Act will mean a greater number of applications will be submitted for consideration than in the past.

The text of a proposed bill to effect the amendments was approved with the changes discussed above. A letter of transmittal to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate was also approved with required changes. EXHIBITS K^1 & K^2

(4) Union Station Project - Status

The members were told of an unpublished report that the railroad companies which own and operate the Union Station are again seriously considering a proposal to sell the station to private investors for some use other than as a railroad.

The Commission unanimously agreed that every possible effort should be made to preserve the station intact as a monumental gateway to the Capital. The members believed that, if necessary, the Federal Government should purchase the station and declare it a national monument. They agreed that the Commission should vigorously oppose any plan to destroy the station. However the possibility of constructing low rise office space over the rear of the station was suggested as a form of compensating the operating companies provided the major station structure was preserved.

After some discussion it was concluded that as a first step the Commission should write to the President and other government officials calling their attention to the problem but not urging any specific solutions. EXHIBIT L

(5) Proposed Acquisition of Property in Square 169, Bounded by 17th and 18th Streets, Between F and G Streets, N.W.

The members discussed an informal suggestion, made to the Secretary by staff members of the Bureau of the Budget, that the Federal Government ought to purchase the property in Square 169 along 17th Street between F and G Streets, N.W. as a site for a federal office building. This property is immediately west of the Old State, War and Navy Building and is presently occupied by the government-owned Winder Building, two small restaurants, and a branch office of the Riggs National Bank.

In light of the increasing demand for federal office space and the competing expansion of commercial construction along Pennsylvania Avenue west of 16th Street, the members agreed to urge the Bureau of the Budget and the General Services Administration to consider the purchase of this prominent site. The members concluded that the Commission should recommend the purchase of additional property along 17th Street in the next block north (Square 168) between G Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter setting forth the Commission's recommendation. EXHIBIT M

f. Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808, 81st Congress

(1) Report of Actions Taken on Applications for Building Permits

The Assistant Secretary reported the actions taken after the recommendations of the Old Georgetown Panel of Architects on the Old Georgetown applications forwarded for review. Three reports, dated June 4, 6 and 20, were considered. These reports comprised Appendix 2 of the Order of Business. After noting the individual cases the favorable actions as shown on Appendix 2 were confirmed. The unfavorable actions in the following cases were also confirmed:

O.G. 3170 - 1671 32d Street, N.W., J. Francis Harris III
O.G. 3175 - 1247 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Minkoff Company, Inc.
O.G. 3176 - 3258 N Street, N.W., Mrs. J. B. Compton
O.G. 3177 - 1616 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Benjamin A. Goodale

The Assistant Secretary reported that the Old Georgetown Panel of Architects had recommended that an application to raze the building on the premises at 3015 M Street, N.W. (O.G. 3179) not be recommended. A previous application to raze the existing four story building was not approved by the Commission in January 1962. At that time the Commission reported that the building should be restored, but conditioned its recommendation on whether or not this would be economically feasible. The owners of the building, on the basis of their engineers' report, now contend that it would not be an economic solution for them to restore the building. They have submitted an application for a permit (O.G. 3179) to erect a three story building in its place.

After discussing the architectural problems involved in restoring the building the Commission voted to recommend that the District of Columbia Government conduct its own inspection of the building to determine if the condition of the building is such as to preclude restoration. In the event that restoration is found to be unfeasible it was concluded that the Commission would not oppose razing it. A letter to this effect was attached to Appendix 2.

(2) Georgetown Waterfront - Status

The members were informed that the National Capital Planning Commission, at its meeting of June 7, had instructed the staff to continue a study of the Georgetown waterfront with an emphasis on planning a solution to rezoning it for residential purposes, to find a suitable treatment for the proposed Potomac River Freeway and to establish a waterfront park. No action was required by the Commission.

5. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service

a. Federal Office Building and Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee Proposed Mosaic Murals - Selection of Artist

The Commission considered a request for its advice on the selection of an artist to execute a vitreous mosaic mural on the interior walls of two lobbies in the Federal Office Building and Courthouse in Memphis, Tennessee. The names of two artists, Carroll Cloar and Burton Callicott, were submitted by the architect for consideration.

After carefully considering photographs of samples of each artist's work the members recommended that the commission be given to Carroll Cloar.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter setting forth the Commission's recommendation. EXHIBIT N

b. Post Office, Stillwater, Oklahoma - Mural, Selection of Artist

The Commission considered a request for its advice upon the selection of an artist to execute a wall mural in the building.

It was explained that only one artist, Grace L. Hamilton, had been submitted for consideration, and that the Fine Arts Committee of the City Planning Committee of Stillwater had recommended her.

After examining a brochure of examples of Miss Hamilton's work, the Commission concluded that she was qualified to execute a suitable mural and approved her selection for the commission. The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter setting forth the Commission's recommendation. EXHIBIT O

c. Government Printing Office Field Plant, 2d and D Streets, S.W.

The members examined plans and rendering for a proposed one-story field plant with a central two-story office section. The building would be located on a site now occupied by Bell Elementary School, bounded by Second Street, D and E Streets, Southwest, and ramps connecting with the proposed Center Leg of the Inner Loop Freeway System.

The plans showed that the lower portion of the 485 foot structure would be constructed of precast concrete panels, and the office section entirely of brick between precast concrete piers.

On the basis of their preliminary examination the members were of the opinion that both the proposed design and the suggested materials of construction were unacceptable for a location so near the Capitol, the Mall, the New House Office Building and other new or planned governmental and private buildings in the southwest.

Final action was postponed until a conference with the architects

and a representative of the Public Buildings Service on the following day.

d. Howard University, Women's Dormitory - Revised Design

Plans and renderings showing further development of a design for a Women's Dormitory at Howard University were shown to the members. Preliminary plans had been approved as to the general concept of the design at the Commission's meeting on June 20, 1961.

No action was taken pending a conference with the architect on the following day.

e. Federal Office Building and Courthouse, Oklahoma City - Status of Exterior Sculpture

The members were told that Bernard Frazier, the sculptor commissioned to execute two relief sculptures on the exterior walls of the Courthouse and Federal Office Building, would appear at the meeting on the following day to show the members a model of one of the proposed designs.

f. Old Patent Office Building, Proposed Remodelling for Use as a National Portrait Gallery - Status

The members were informed that revised designs for the remodelling are being prepared for presentation in the Fall, possibly at the September meeting.

g. Department of Health, Education and Welfare - National Library of Medicine - Status of Ceramic Frieze

The members examined a full-scale sample of a section of the sculptured ceramic frieze which Franz Wildenhain is preparing for use on the curved clerestory of the Public Catalog Room in the National Library of Medicine at Bethesda, Maryland. The model, and photographs of a study of the entire frieze in color, were submitted as a progress report on the development of the design approved by the Commission at its meeting on September 19, 1961.

h. Executive Office Building - Status of Cleaning

It was reported that members of the Bureau of the Budget had expressed dissatisfaction with the results of cleaning test samples by the water and sand treatment recommended by the Commission. As a result of this dissatisfaction an area in the north courtyard of the building had been cleaned by sandblasting. The Bureau of the Budget members had expressed a preference for the sandblast method, but wished to have the Commission's advice before proceeding to authorize cleaning by this method.

The members decided that no recommendation could be made until they had inspected the site. Accordingly, later in the day they visited the north courtyard where the test area had been cleaned.

After visiting the building and comparing the two cleaned areas in the courtyard the members agreed that if the exterior elevations of the building were sandblasted the contrast in color between it and the nearby White House and Blair-Lee House would be overwhelming. Also, sandblasting would remove the hone finish of the stone and destroy the sharpness of the edges of the carvings and ornamentation on the building. For these reasons, the Commission concluded that it could not recommend that the sand-blasting technique be used on the exterior elevations. Instead, the members recommended that the present finish of the exterior facade be retained or at most cleaned by the water treatment only.

In the interior courts, where it is desirable to get more light into the surrounding offices, the Commission agreed that the water treatment did not achieve satisfactory results. The Commission concluded that it had no objection to sandblasting the walls in these courts which are not visible from the streets.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter setting forth the Commission's recommendation. EXHIBIT P

6. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, Proposed Memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt - Status

The Chairman reported that he had appeared at a hearing before the Subcommittee on Enrolled Bills and Library of the Committee on House Administration on H.J.Res. 712 and H.J.Res. 713, bills which would authorize the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission to raise funds for the construction of the Pedersen and Tilney design for the memorial. The prepared statement which the Chairman read at the hearing is EXHIBIT Q.

The House Committee will report its recommendations to the House sometime in the future.

7. Department of Labor
Report of the President of the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space

Copies of a Report to the President of the Committee on Federal Office Space were distributed to the members for their information.

A memorandum was read which compared the final text of a section of the Report concerning a federal architectural policy with the revisions suggested to Secretary Goldberg by the Commission on 22 March 1962. None of the Commission's recommendations appeared in the final text of the Report. EXHIBIT R

No action was deemed necessary.

8. National Capital Planning Commission

Proposed Joint Study of Washington Skyline

Mrs. James Rowe, Chairman of the Planning Commission, reported that Mr. Alexander Robinson and Mr. Walter Louchheim, members of the Commission, had been appointed to represent the Commission on the joint study of the skyline. Mr. Morton Hoppenfeld and Joseph Handwerger, members of the staff, would also attend the meetings.

Mrs. Rowe said that she believed the purpose of the study would be to examine the existing skyline, under the present zoning regulations and to determine what recommendations might be made to preserve the preeminence of the Capitol and the Washington Monument. Finally, she believed the joint study might determine how to retain the character of the Federal City and allow for development in an orderly fashion rather than piecemeal.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Rapuano agreed to serve as representatives of the Commission of Fine Arts, along with two members of the staff.

No action was deemed necessary.

III. LEGISLATION

a. Request for Reports from Committees of Congress

The members discussed in general terms certain proposed legislation on which reports had been requested by committees of Congress, as listed in EXHIBIT S.

The members approved drafting a favorable report on S. 2934, 87th Congress, a bill to authorize the erection of a monument at Cape Canaveral in commemoration of the first United States manned vehicle orbital flight around the earth.

It was agreed that the Commission should report that until such time as Congress had acted upon H.J. Res. 712, H.J. Res. 713, and S.J. Res. 187, it did not desire to comment on either H.R. 11804, 87th Congress, a bill to amend the joint resolution of September 1, 1959, with respect to the establishment, on the site reserved therefor, of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, or S. 2501, 87th Congress, a bill to establish the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial National Park.

b. Request for Reconsideration of Report

The members considered a request from Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Worrell, Executive Secretary of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the Commission withdraw its objections to H.J. Res. 253 and S.J. Res. 69, 87th Congress, bills which would establish a national

shrine commission to select a site and formulate plans for a memorial building in memory of the Veterans of the Civil War. The Commission had reported to Congress on April 18, 1961 that it opposed the legislation because it would duplicate facilities already in existence.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Worrell stating her reasons why the Commission should withdraw its objections. EXHIBIT T

Counsel reported that he had been informed by the Office of Legislative Reference in the Bureau of the Budget that all of the interested governmental agencies had filed adverse reports on the two bills.

After fully discussing the matter, it was decided that the Commission could not change its report.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter to Mrs. Worrell informing her of the Commission's decision.

Thereafter, at 4:45 p.m., the meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. the following day.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 5/15/62

JUN 4 1962

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2506	903 Penna. Ave., NW Jimmy Piccallo (Souvenirs)	1 s-f, 20¼ sq-ft sign. Reverse channel type ltrs., back-lighted. Metal ltrs.
ACTION: App'd., 5/29/62.		
2507	1957 E St., NW Associated Gen. Contractors	1 s-f, 8½ sq-ft sign. Cast alum. ltrs. at main entr. Title to be one line.
ACTION: App'd., 5/29/62.		
2508	231 Penna. Ave., SE Louis & Jas. Kousen (Commercial)	Replace plate glass window with window having wood dividers, reface base with Perma Stone.
ACTION: Disap'd. Recom. restudy of design making following changes: (1) Enlarge showwindow panes to approx. 19" wide by 23" high, muntins not to exceed 3/4" width; (2) Enlarge lights in door & transom to approx. 10" wide by 15" high; (3) Substitute brick, stucco, or panelled material for "Perma Stone.", 5/29/62.		
2509	6300 Oregon Ave., NW Peter Marotta	Install swimming pool; 5' redwood fence; 3' cinder-block, brick faced ret. wall.
ACTION: App'd., 5/29/62.		

Appendix 1

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS 6/20/62

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2510	1301 E St., NW Drug Fair, Inc. (Carousel Inn)	2 s-f signs, 25 sq-ft each. Indirectly lighted neon ltrs. Charcoal ltrs. on white bckgd.
ACTION: Disap'd. Relocate sign to wall, projecting no more than 12"; limit reflector panel to area behind sign. All ltrs. capitalized, & of uniform height, not to exceed 12", 6/4/62.		
2511	300 Penna. Ave., SE American Savings & Loan Assn.	1 s-f, 21 sq-ft sign; non-illuminated; cut-out alum. ltrs. mounted on painted alum. framework.
ACTION: App'd., 6/11/62.		
2512	2821 Rock Creek Drive, NW Mr & Mrs C. E. Eckles	New dwelling; 2-stories & attic; brick & limestone.
ACTION: Appl. withdrawn at request of Off. of Ch., Permit Br., D. C. Dept. of Licenses & Inspections per telephone request by Mrs. Fox on 6/14/62, 6/14/62.		
2513	2700 F St., NW Water Gate Inn Restaurant	1 canvas awning; with fixed iron frames & posts; attached above roof line.
ACTION: App'd. If practicable, suggest possible further improvement by raising ridge slightly so as to provide more equal slope to both sides of awning, 6/20/62.		
2514	231 Penna. Ave., SE Louis & Jas. Kousen (Commercial)	Rev. to SL 2508. Replace plate glass window with window having wood dividers, reface base with brick stack course. Showwindow extends 3' beyond bldg. line.
ACTION: App'd., 6/19/62.		
2515	1735-41 New York Ave., NW American Inst. of Architects	Four 200-watt floodlights in front yard, directed away from street, to light front of bldg.
ACTION: App'd., 6/20/62.		

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2516	2901 Fessenden St., NW Stanley S. Bender	2-story dwelling, steel, masonry, & reinforced concrete.

ACTION: App'd., 6/19/62.

2517 223 Penna. Ave., SE — 1 s-f, plastic-faced sign flat against front wall, 24 sq-ft.
Neptune Grill

ACTION: Disap'd. Suggest restudy providing either painted sign extending over showwindow & entr. door, or free-standing cut-out ltrs. of opaque material, mounted on pins or directly on bldg; ltrs. not to exceed 12" in height in either case. Lettering style to be uniform for complete text. Suggest downlighting be mounted under soffit & extend across entire facade for sign illumination, 6/19/62.

2518 1411-13 Penna. Ave., NW — Rev. of SL 2440. Remove exist. marquee. Install 3 awnings: 2 suspended from bldg. 1 self-supported to within 18" of curb. Canvas. Fixed iron frames & posts.
Occidental Restaurant

ACTION: App'd., provided marquee structure be eliminated (See Action on SL 2440). As a substitute for this structure, recom. a separate shed-type awning over doorway, or a single awning covering both doorway & adjacent windows, such as proposed on right side of elevation. Projection of awning into public space not to exceed 5', as indicated on drawings, 6/20/62.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS JUN 4 1962

Appendix 2

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3153	1600-28th St., NW Homer W. Hanscom	Erect 6' x 12' & 7' x 10' cedar paling screen fence.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided palings are uniformly vertical through length of fence, 5/22/62.		
3154	3125 M St., NW Captain's Table Restaurant	Rev. to OG 3002. 1 s-f non-illuminated sign, 20 sq-ft. Plastic faced wood ltrs., flat to wall. (Sign in place).
ACTION: No obj. to sign, which is already in place, & represents only a change in text from the basic design recom'd. by the Comm. in OG 3002, dtd. 9/26/61, 5/22/62.		
3155	1028-33rd St., NW Helen C. Zust (Commercial)	Remove exist. overhead door on 33rd St. & install new recessed doors with rustic red brickwork at sides. Remove overhead door on alley side, brick up part of opening & install new door & windows. Paint alley side of bldg. with waterproof grey paint. Install split cedar sapling fence 4' above grade.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 5/22/62.		
3156	3310 M St., NW Custom Speed Shop	Resubm. of OG 3129. 1 s-f, 25 sq-ft sign. White ltrs., black bckgd. Wood ltrs. mounted on expanded metal, mounted flat to wall, non-illuminated.
ACTION: Not recom'd; recom. sign be located in frieze over entr. & showwindows, all ltrs. to be same size. Substitute classical ltrs. for script & eliminate insignia. Suggest black ltrs. on white bckgd. (NOTE: Recommendation same as OG 3129, which was resubmitted,)5/22/62.		
3157	3036 K St., NW Potomac Sand & Gravel Corp.	Constr. 2-story brick & concrete off. bldg.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 5/22/62.		
3158	3058 K St., NW Smoot Sand & Gravel Co.	Constr. 2-story brick & concrete off. bldg.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 5/22/62.		

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3159	1303 Wisc. Ave., NW R. N. Hendrickson (Commercial)	Erect steel stair to roof at rear of bldg. instead of at side of bldg. as app'd. in OG 3089.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided that all metal work, with exception of stair treads, is painted to match bldg., 5/22/62.		
3160	3413 P St., NW Mr & Mrs Laurance Henderson	6'-8" & 7' masonry & steel picket fence.
ACTION: Recom'd., 5/22/62.		
3161	1512-31st St., NW James E. Reid	Replace exist. door frame with Curtis stock frame; replace present door with 6-panel Curtis door; new colonial coach light; replace concrete step with old brick; encl. space under bay with old brick.
ACTION: Recom'd. for new brick step & new door, but not for new door frames or brick walls under bow window. Recom. retention of exist. door frames, & display windows as presently constructed, 5/22/62.		
3162	1514-31st St., NW James E. Reid	Same as OG 3161.
ACTION: Same as OG 3161.		

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3163	1618-34th St., NW John W. Lamp	Replace iron porch with brick porch; no roof.

ACTION: Recom'd. Suggest bottom rail be somewhat closer to the treads, 5/29/62.

3164	2901 K St., NW LeRoy King (King Coal Co.)	Erect 10' barricade to hold sand & gravel piles in place & erect outside of this barricade a pole fence to hide the barricade from public view.

ACTION: Recom'd., 5/29/62.

3165	1421-37th St., NW Georgetown University	Install air conditioning system with ductwork.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided (1) 6' sapling fence is erected in line with corner of bldg. in such a way as to screen unit from public view, or (2) unit be relocated around the corner to rear of bldg., 5/29/62.

3166	1050-31st St., NW Rob't. B. Tillman (Off. Bldg.)	Rev. to OG 3134 to incorporate CFA recom'ds. on proposed 5-story masonry office bldg.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided north elevation of penthouse be treated symmetrically, locating utility door midway between pierced brick grille on left & an additional matching grille on right, 5/29/62.

3167	3059 M St., NW David Richard Clothing Store	New store front & new cornice.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Recom. treatment omitting broken pediment over door, substituting brick belt course for metal belt course, & lowering door on right to approx. 6'-8"., 5/29/62.

3168	1304 Wisc. Ave., NW Morris Cohen (Store & office)	Constr. addn. & alter exist. bldg. by creating new showwindows & entrance; new stairway.

ACTION: Recom'd., except for arrangement of fire escape on rear elevation. Suggest restudy, extending balcony under both 3rd-story windows, & providing retractable stair to roof below, 5/29/62.

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3169	1703-32nd St., NW Dumbarton Oaks Museum	Remove exist. iron gates at corner of 32nd & R Sts., & replace br. wall fence to match exist. work. Install iron gates 4 bays east on R St. Br. piers & stonework to match that of original location. Br. fence to be 8'-8" high.

ACTION: Recom'd., 6/20/62.

3170 1671-32nd St., NW — 3-story brick & cinder-block dwelling.
J. Francis Harris, III

ACTION: Not recom'd; suggest further study toward simplifying front elevation. Recom. substituting rectangular double-hung window for round opening, basement level; substituting stucco, or matching stone for br. to right of entr; eliminating shutters on 1st fl. & substituting br. for stone arch & recessed panel within arch, retaining stone course at spring line & sill; substituting br. for cast stone trim in recessed panels, 2nd fl. Concerning north elevation, recom. arched window be reduced in width to 5 lights & other proportions adjusted accordingly, substituting br. for stone. Also suggest garage doors be somewhat simplified, 6/20/62.

3171 3057 M St., NW — Rev. to OG 3082. Cover exist. wood beam with a metal cornice.
Herbert Rosendorf (Restaurant)

ACTION: Recom'd., provided pediment be omitted over door; also substitute single light over entr. door for 2 side fixtures, 6/12/62.

3172 3434 Volta Pl., NW — Repair & replace cement steps.
Louise H. C. Powell

ACTION: Recom'd., provided all exposed concrete surfaces are faced with brick, 6/12/62.

3173 3242 Reservoir Rd., NW — 6' brick fence to replace wood fence. Gate to be Williamsburg type in wrought iron.
Millicent Childs Invest. Corp.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided br. wall be capped with rowlock course. Also submit detailed drawing of gate, 6/12/62.

3174 3059 M St., NW — Rev. to OG 3167. Replace exist. showwindows, add new cornice.
David Richard Clothing Store

ACTION: Recom'd., provided pediment is omitted over door, & light is relocated to right side of apt. door, 6/12/62.

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
3175	1247 Wisc. Ave., NW Minkoff Co., Inc. (Store & dwelling)	New store front; new access stairs for above dwelling. 18'-wide canopy to extend 2' beyond bldg. line.

ACTION: Not recom'd; recom. larger lights, approx. 18" wide by 26" high, in showwindow & raise head slightly; omit cornice over doorheads; substitute panel door to apt. providing 2 top lights, if desired. Windows on left side, 2nd & 3rd stories to be 3 lights wide, same height. Also suggest standing seams on copper hood, 6/20/62.

3176	3258 N St., NW Mrs. J. B. Compton	Alterations & addn. 15'-wide bay on Potomac St. to project 12" beyond bldg. line. (NOTE: Suppl. Inf. Sheet indicated rear br. walls, although there was no fence appl. subm'd.)

ACTION: Not recom'd. Set back face of addn. to provide slight recess from line of exist. bldg. Also substitute single window for twin window on 1st fl., to left of doorway on rear elevation, 6/20/62.

3177	1616 Wisc. Ave., NW Benj. A. Goodale (Store)	New Oriel window to replace 2 exist. 1st fl. windows.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Although proposed oriel window is not objectionable in itself, & others of a similar nature have been recom'd. for shop fronts in Georgetown, the simplicity of the exist. elevation merits special consideration. Only a limited number of typical early frame dwellings remain. It is recom'd., therefore, that the exist. windows be retained. Considerable leeway was given to the development of the side & rear addn. to this house under OG 3035, in order that the front elevation be retained in its present form, 6/20/62.

3178	3015 M St., NW Sara & Harry Meyers (Commercial)	Resubm. of OG 3075. Raze 4-story brick bldg. in entirety, not condemned by D. C. Gov't.

ACTION: Not recom'd. See attached ltr. dtd. 6/20/62 to Ch., Permit Branch, D. C. Dept. of L & I, 6/20/62.

3179	3015 M St., NW Sara & Harry Meyers (Commercial)	Erect new 3-story brick bldg. with store on 1st. fl. & apts. on 2nd & 3rd flrs.

ACTION: Returned, pending final action on OG 3178, application to raze exist. premises, 6/20/62.

June 20, 1962

Mr. Julian P. Green
Chief, Permit Branch
Dept. of Licenses & Inspections
108 District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Green:

I am writing in regard to the proposed razing of a four-story mid 19th Century residence, now converted to apartments and commercial use, on the premises at 3015 "M" Street, N. W. (O. G. 3178). Razing of the former town house is being requested to make room for a new three-story shop and apartment building, the design of which was submitted under separate application (O. G. 3179).

In a letter to you dated January 16, 1962, the Commission of Fine Arts recommended against the razing of this building. It was pointed out at that time that there was sufficient architectural merit in the existing building to warrant retention and restoration unless structurally infeasible. Since that time the owner and applicant have indicated that he had engaged an engineer to inspect the premises, who in turn reported to the owner that the building was deficient in important respects that would not permit feasible restoration to the uses the owner intends.

In view of the original recommendation of the Commission of Fine Arts, the members of the Commission believe that it would be necessary to have an independent engineering and feasibility report on the existing building made before any final actions could be taken, and would like to recommend, therefore, that the District of Columbia Government conduct an inspection of the building.

If the condition of the building is such to make restoration to a new use infeasible, the Commission of Fine Arts would not be opposed to the razing of the subject structure.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID E. FINLEY
David E. Finley
Chairman

True Copy
of Signed
Original

June 23, 1942

Mr. Julian P. Green
Chief, Permits Branch
Dept. of Licenses & Inspections
100 Eleventh Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Green:

I am writing in regard to the proposed razing of a four-story old factory premises, now occupied by sportswear and accessories, on the premises at 3111 Van Ness, N. W. (S. O. 21791). Zoning of this former area is being requested to make room for a new three-story shop and apartment building, the design of which was submitted under separate application (S. O. 21791).

In a letter to you dated January 14, 1942, the Commission of Fine Arts recommended against the razing of this building. It was pointed out at that time that there was sufficient architectural merit in the existing building to warrant retention and restoration unless structurally infeasible. Since that time the owner and applicant have indicated that he had engaged an engineer to inspect the premises, who is more prepared to the owner that the building was deficient in important respects that would not permit feasible restoration to his usage the owner intends.

In view of the alleged recommendation of the Commission of Fine Arts, the members of the Commission advise that it would be necessary to have an independent engineering and feasibility report on the existing building made before any final actions could be taken, and would like to recommend, therefore, that the Director of Building Inspection conduct an inspection of the building.

If the condition of the building is such as to make restoration to a new use infeasible, the Commission of Fine Arts would not be opposed to the razing of the enclosed structure.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID E. FINLEY
Secretary

True Copy
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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
19 June 1962

AM
10:15 I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Date of Next Meeting: 19 September 1962

Executive Session: 18 September 1962

2. Approval of Minutes of May 1962 Meeting

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1. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

a. Washington Planetarium and Space Center, Daingerfield Island - Proposed Design

b. Park Operations Building, East Potomac Park - Status

c. Boy Scout Memorial, East Side of the Ellipse - Status

d. Pershing Square, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue - Status

2. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

11:30 Program for Recording
(Mr. Shelby Thompson, Director, Office of Educational Programs and Services; Mr. James Bernardo, Director, Educational Programs Division)

3. Department of the Army, Adjutant General, Heraldic Institute

U.S. Air Force - Design of Distinguished Service Medal

4. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Buildings and Grounds

Garrison School, 13th and S Streets, N.W. - Proposed Design of Building

b. Department of Highways and Traffic

(1) Inner Loop Freeway, East Leg - Status

(2) Lighting Standards for Southwest - Letter from Mr. Francis Twiss, Deputy Director, Bureau of Traffic Design and Engineering

c. Department of Highways and Traffic and Department of the Navy

Relocation of Statue of Dr. Benjamin Rush, Grounds of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery - Status

d. Zoning Commission

Zoning Amendments - Arcades

e. Department of Licenses and Inspections

(1) Shipstead-Luce Act

(a) Building Applications - Appendix 1, dated 6/19/62

(b) Preliminary Submission: Watergate Project-Status

(c) Shipstead-Luce Act Revisions

(d) Union Station Project - Status

(e) Proposed Acquisition of Square 169, bounded by 17th and 18th Sts., between F & G Sts., N.W.

(2) Old Georgetown Act

(a) Building Applications - Appendix 2, dated 6/19/62

(b) Georgetown Waterfront - Status

5. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. Federal Office Building and Courthouse, Memphis, Tenn. - Proposed mosaic murals - Selection of artist.

b. Post Office, Stillwater, Oklahoma - Mural - Selection of artist

c. Government Printing Office Field Plant, 2d and "D" Sts., S.W. - Proposed Design of Building

d. Howard University, Womens' Dormitory - Revised Designs

e. Federal Office Building and Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Status of Exterior Sculpture by Bernard Frazier

f. Old Patent Office Building, Proposed Remodelling for Use as National Portrait Gallery - Status

g. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, National Library of Medicine - Status of Marble Relief and Ceramic Frieze

h. Executive Office Building - Status of Cleaning

6. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission

Proposed Memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt - Status

7. Department of Labor

Report of President's Committee on Federal Office Space

8. National Capital Planning Commission

Proposed Joint Study of Washington Skyline

IV. LEGISLATION

1. H.R. 10188-2/12/62-Mr.Multer-87th Congress - Rpt Requested and Submitted to Congress

"To amend sections 2 and 5 of the Act entitled 'An Act to regulate the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semi-public buildings in the Georgetown Area of the National Capital', approved September 22, 1950 (64 Stat. 903).

2. H.R. 10225-2/15/62-Mr.Weiss-87th Congress - Rpt Requested and Submitted to Congress

Same as H.R. 10188

3. H.R. 11804-5/17/62-Mr. Widnall-87th Congress - Rpt Requested

"To amend the joint resolution of September 1, 1959, with respect to the establishment, on the site reserved thereby, of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial."

4. S.J.Res. 187-5/14/62-Mr.Humphrey-87th Congress-Rpt Requested (Identical to H.J.Res. 712 and 713)

"To authorize and direct the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission to raise funds for the construction of a memorial."

5. S. 2501-8/31/61-Mr.Douglas-87th Congress-Rpt Requested

"To establish the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial National Park."

6. S. 2934-3/1/62-Mr.Smathers-87th Congress - Rpt Requested

"To authorize the erection of a monument in commemoration of the first United States manned vehicle orbital flight around the earth."

7. S.J. Res. 195-6/6/62-87th Congress - Information Only

"Creating and establishing the Capitol Commission.".

8. H.J.Res. 253 and S.J.Res. 69 - 87th Congress - Request for Reconsideration of Report

"Establishing a national shrine commission to select and procure a site and formulate plans for the construction of a permanent memorial building in memory of the veterans of the Civil War."

20 June 1962

Dear Mr. Wirth:

Re Park Operations Building and in reference to what I believe was the agreement concerning the design of this building between Mr. Haussmann and myself at a meeting in New York, at which time I said I would recommend that the design be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. This was done because I appreciated the need for the building and the desire of the National Park Service to have the contract for construction under way.

In reviewing the contract drawings I found that none of the ideas agreed upon were incorporated. These ideas were:

1. That the building towards the streets be faced with limestone.

2. That the molded piers be simplified and the savings therefrom be used to obtain the use of limestone throughout. This includes the penthouse as well.

3. That garden designs be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts, much simpler than those proposed in the sketches. This meant the simplification of steps, platforms and approaches as well.

In reviewing the contract drawings I find that the penthouse is ugly, the disposition of design parts unfortunate and the relationship of materials is one without aesthetic appreciation. Even now the penthouse design can be greatly improved and considering the importance of this building should be replanned.

As one who endeavored to help the National Park Service, I feel that I have been badly used.

The Commission of Fine Arts had recommended that an outstanding architect be employed to design this building and as a member of that Commission I express my deep regret that this was not done. The result now is a building of mediocre appearance.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Walker

Honorable Conrad Wirth
Director, National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

EXHIBIT A

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

DAVID E. FINLEY, Chairman
DOUGLAS W. ORR — WILLIAM G. PERRY
RALPH WALKER — MICHAEL RAPUANO
FELIX W. de WELDON — PETER HURD
LINTON R. WILSON, Secretary

10 July 1962

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Wirth:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on June 20, noted the recent newspaper criticism that has been directed at the National Park Service for allowing the erection of signs and temporary exhibition structures in the triangular area at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, presumably with the approval of the National Park Service. This important location, unofficially referred to as Persning Square, lies within view of the Treasury Department, The White House grounds, the Ellipse, the Department of Commerce and the District Building. Its only official designation is Reservation #617.

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts are familiar with the situation, and discussed it at some length at their recent meeting. They came to the conclusion that, unless some better arrangements were found to control special functions and structures on this site, the practice of allowing them ought to be discontinued. In the members' opinion, the site is too important to do otherwise. They recognize, of course, the reason for granting special privileges to worthy causes for the use of this site, and are not opposed to the practice as such. But the appearance of the area has on several occasions been impaired, as in the case of the structure erected for the National Cancer Society; and, in order to preserve this important area, the Commission recommends that the park be properly landscaped and left free of other encumbrances. Otherwise, we feel there would be just cause for criticism of the National Park Service and, to some extent, of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The Commission, as you know, has approved an excellent design, by Wallace Harrison, of a fountain on this site as a memorial to General Pershing, to be erected by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Unless or until this plan is carried out, we feel that this important site should be maintained as a park, without the intrusions above mentioned.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Conrad Wirth
Director
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

EXHIBIT B

27 June 1962

Dear Colonel Temple:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting of June 19, 1962, again considered the proposed design for the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal. You will recall that the Commission's recommendation was being withheld until the advice of the sculptor member of the Commission, Mr. Felix de Weldon, could be obtained on his return from abroad.

The members of the Commission agreed that the design as presented was unsatisfactory in its present state. They felt that the design would be improved if the arm and hand were eliminated, making the wings symmetrical, and reducing the size of the lettering. A more refined type of lettering would be desirable. The size and relation of the elements should also be adjusted to such revision.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on September 19th. If revised designs are ready before that time, we shall try to have them reviewed before that time in order to avoid longer delay.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Colonel Harry D. Temple
Commanding Officer
Institute of Heraldry
Cameron Station
5010 Duke Street
Alexandria, Virginia

EXHIBIT C

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WASHINGTON STAR

MAY 4 1962

Tobriner Asks Delay of Fund For East Leg

Reversal of Stand At House Hearing Shocks Colleagues

Walter N. Tobriner, chairman of the Board of District Commissioners, asked a House Appropriations subcommittee this week to delay appropriations for the east leg of the Inner Loop.

It was revealed that Mr. Tobriner's reversal on previously approved freeway plans came as a shock to the other two Commissioners and to members of the subcommittee handling the District budget.

He suggested that the east leg of the loop be moved to the west bank of the Anacostia River instead of Eleventh street where it currently is designed to run.

Reasons Assigned

His reasons, stated before the subcommittee meeting in closed session, were to avoid the impact on families now living in the path of the route. He said he thought it also would be less costly and would avoid the construction of a giant interchange designed just northeast of the Naval Weapons Plant at Eleventh street S.E. He said he believes the interchange would be smaller under the new plan.

Sources reported that Mr. Tobriner said that if the new design required additional legislation then the city should be willing to wait until Congress passes on it.

The subject of the east leg and the interchange was expected to be rehashed today at another meeting of the subcommittee with the three Commissioners. The controversy over the location of these two sections of the Inner Loop boiled over this week as the subcommittee began examining the budget of the Highway Department as well as receiving testimony from public witnesses.

Division Is Exceptional

Mr. Tobriner's action was viewed by one source close to the subcommittee as the first time in recent years the Commissioners have ever presented anything but a united front on a given issue before an appropriations committee.

The decision on whether to approve appropriations requested to start the two projects rests with the House subcommittee, headed by Representative Natcher, Democrat of Kentucky. The subcommittee is expected to mark up the District budget within two or three weeks.

Asked to confirm Mr. Tobriner's stand Mr. Natcher would only say, "I have no comment at this time."

The budget under consideration requests $170,000 in District funds for the east leg. Matched with Federal funds the cost would total $1.7 million. Total cost of the project is $42.5 million.

For the interchange, $547,000 is requested which, matched with Federal funds, would total $5.5 million. Total cost is set at $15.9 million.

Congress already has appropriated about $3 million for various studies involving the two projects.

Previous objections to running the east leg along the west bank of the Anacostia were based on the difficulty in ob-

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taining rights of way across land now owned by the National Park Service and the Agriculture Department. It was understood the road probably would have to run into sections of the National Arboretum, operated by Agriculture.

Apart from the difficulty of getting approval to run such a road through park lands near the Anacostia, the District in 1950 gave assurances to the Department of Agriculture and to Congress that it would not in the future request permission to put a highway through the Arboretum. This commitment, it was understood, was made in connection with concessions given the District to build the East Capitol Street Bridge.

Democrats Object

Coming down hard on the freeway plans in public testimony Tuesday and last night before the subcommittee has been the Democratic Central Committee of the District.

Mrs. Polly Shackleton, National Committeewoman, said Tuesday "we are shocked by the utter ruthlessness and inhumanity" of the program. She added:

"The Highway Department exhibits no concern over the effects of its program on one of the Nation's Capital's most compelling human needs—the need for decent, safe and sanitary housing for its residents. . . ." She estimated "many thousands" would be displaced by the freeway construction.

Last night, Robert G. McGuire, president of the Washington Urban League, testified that the city "has no effective program for providing relocation service for rehousing families who will be required to move." He estimated 10,000 persons would be displaced by the Northeast freeway and the east leg.

Moratorium Supported

And Philip Schwartz, representing the Americans for Democratic Action, added that the "inadequate relocation services in the District . . . compel us to support at least a partial moratorium on highway projects."

Arnold C. Sternberg, appearing on behalf of the Democratic Central Committee attacked the program from another angle. He said general fund revenues have been diverted into the highway fund, and charged, "the highway fund is unable to meet its obligations under the grossly accelerated program proposed. . . ."

Taking issue with this stand, however, was J. C. Turner, president of the Greater Washington Central Labor Council.

Mr. Turner pointed out the District Commissioners recently approved the concept of a Central Relocation Service for families displaced by highway construction. "Without a workable and fair program of relocation, neither the highway program nor the urban renewal program can go forward," he said.

Urging adoption of the highway program, Mr. Turner emphasized: "Let it not be forgotten that the thousands of jobs resulting from this program will be of enormous assistance in ridding the District of the rolls of the unemployed."

EXHIBIT D'

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Washington 25, D. C.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 15, 1962

The Commission in 1959 approved in principle a proposed Inner Loop for Washington. At that time it left for the future the approval of specific location of the Inner Loop. At its meeting in November 1961 the District Highway Department submitted a request for final approval and budget clearance of the south and east legs of the Inner Loop, together with Interchange C. At that time the Commission approved the east leg and the interchange with the understanding that a model of the proposed construction would be submitted to the Commission for its consideration before any work would be undertaken. At the same time, while the Commission did not withdraw the action taken in 1959, the need of the rest of the Inner Loop was questioned by several of the Commissioners. It was agreed that the northwest, north, and central legs of the Inner Loop would be studied further and the District Officials agreed to take no further steps regarding these sections of the Inner Loop until after the Commission had again reviewed the problem. This action was thought desirable by some of the Commissioners due to changing conditions, the authorization of a mass transportation study by Congress, and the additional detail information on the number of people that would be displaced. It was further understood that the east and south legs of the Inner Loop would be needed whether the rest of the Inner Loop was constructed or not and, in giving approval, would not prevent the Commission's reconsideration of the rest of the Inner Loop at a later date.

EXHIBIT 3D

The Planning Commission recognizes that its responsibilities for comprehensive planning transcend consideration of traffic projections and transportation alone and require dedication to both definition and achievement of desirable goals for the Nation's Capital and its residents. Every action we take necessarily has an impact on people and when we are asked to approve a plan that will displace thousands of people from their homes, we must be sure that our decision is taken only after we have had opportunity to examine alternatives to the solution of the transportation problems.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC
BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

Mr. David E. Finley, Chairman
The Commission of Fine Arts
Interior Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

On March 2, 1962 you wrote Mr. Neville Miller, Chairman, Redevelopment Land Agency, a letter expressing the position of the Fine Arts Commission regarding the two pole type street lights installed on 6th Street, S. W. These lights were developed as a joint undertaking of your Commission and the Agency.

This letter was somewhat indefinite. Therefore, after a brief telephone conversation last week you suggested that I appear before the Commission on Tuesday, May 15, 1962 at 3:30 p. m. and relate some of the costs of the various types of poles.

At this meeting I presented a brief statement of the relative costs of lighting standards. After a discussion, it was my understanding that the following points reflect the opinion of the Fine Arts Commission regarding street lighting in the District of Columbia with special reference to the RLA Monumental Area:

a. The Fine Arts Commission recommends the installation of the circular type luminaire with gray color in the RLA Monumental Area. The spacing and the number of such luminaires to be installed in this area will be predicated on maintaining 0.6 foot candles on all streets. This includes Independence Avenue from 12th Street to Canal Street and the other area marked in green on the attached plan.

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b. It is the recommendation of the Fine Arts Commission that the 1923 single and twin upright lighting standards be used in the remainder of the Monumental Area. To maintain this situation it is not their intention that the District should purchase in open market any additional poles. Rather, it is their suggestion that luminaires be removed from other areas of the city now having 1923 upright posts and replace them with the new pendant type luminaires, thus making available the uprights for replacing those broken in the Monumental Area.

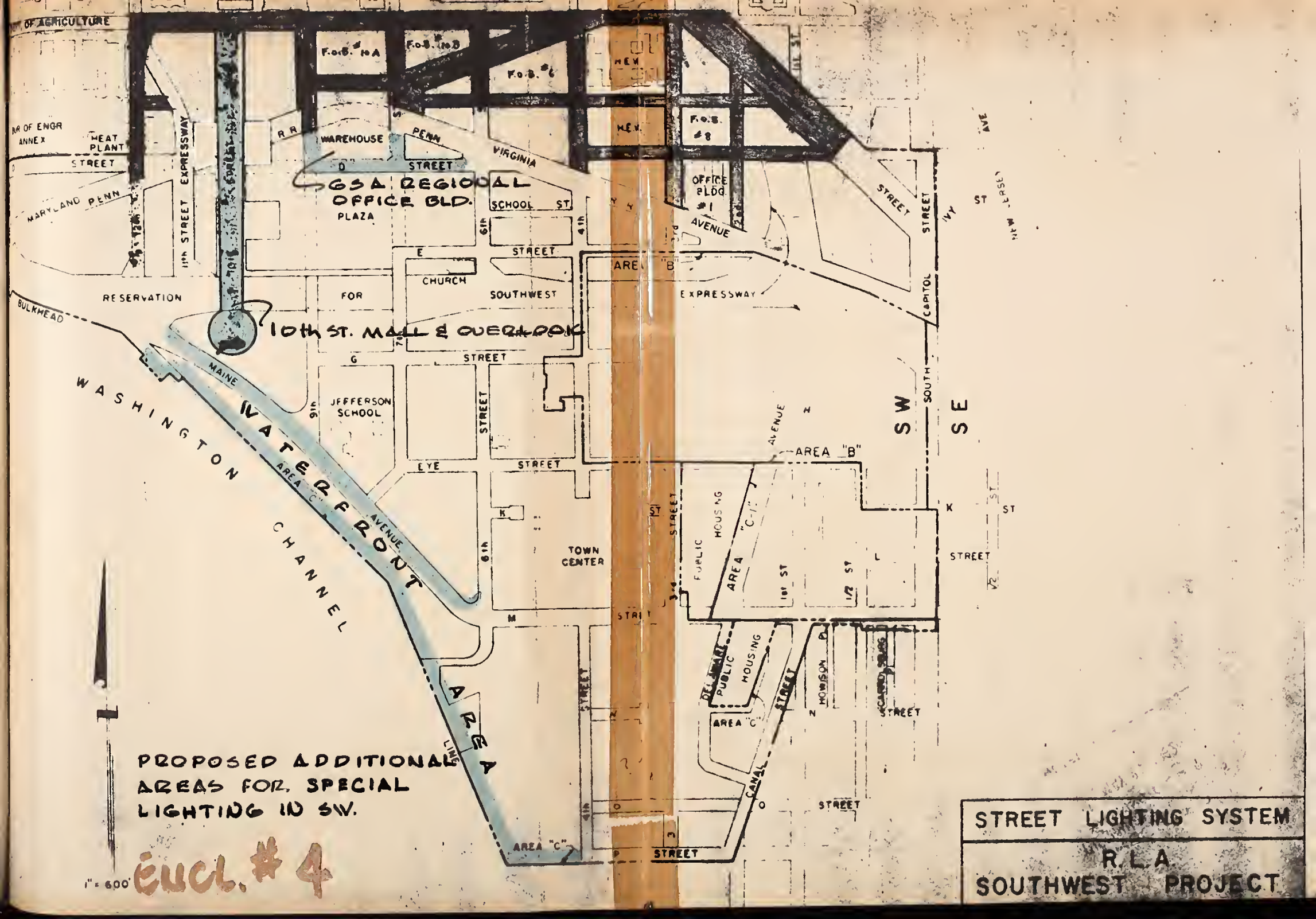
c. The round pole type lights would not be used in any other segment of the Monumental Area. When there are no longer upright posts available on District streets the Fine Arts Commission would again review the lighting standard situation in the Monumental Area. At this time a possible new design and more developed thinking can be applied to this subject.

d. The result of these decisions will be that pendant type lights will be used throughout the District of Columbia with the exception of the Monumental Area. Pole type lights will be used in the RLA segment of the Monumental Area. 1923 upright single and twin posts will continue to be used in the remainder of the Monumental Area as long as there are salvable posts available in the District of Columbia.

We would appreciate your concurrence or suggested changes in the above statements as representing the thoughts of the Fine Arts Commission.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS E. TWISS
Deputy Director for Traffic Engineering
and Operations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STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM
R.L.A.
SOUTHWEST PROJECT

10 July 1962

Dear General Clarke:

During the past several months, the Commission of Fine Arts has been consulted by the Department of Highways and Traffic with regard to the design for new street lighting standards, in particular, those standards that are intended for the monumental area of Southwest Washington. At its meeting on February 20, 1962, the Commission inspected mockups of two designs which had been installed adjacent to Federal Office Building #6. One of the designs was approved with certain provisions, but the members of the Commission did not realize at the time that the present lighting standards on Independence Avenue were included in the area destined for replacement. The specific locations were later learned by the members upon receipt of a map furnished by Mr. Francis Twiss of the Department of Highways and Traffic, who forwarded it to the Commission in order to codify the details of the replacement program, and to insure complete understanding.

As a result of this new information, the members of the Commission took the matter under consideration again at their meeting on June 20. They concluded that the design inspected on February 20, 1962, remains approved, for the Southwest Monumental area, with the exception, however, of Independence Avenue. For this Avenue they recommend the existing standards be retained or replaced with new fixtures of the same design, if necessary.

The proximity and relationship of Independence Avenue to other important parts of the Mall-Park System, place this Avenue in a unique situation, and requires that only the most carefully studied design be considered for this area. The locations to which it is so closely related are presently typified by lighting that serves an architectural function as well as providing illumination. The standards themselves and the lighted globes define the basic design of the monumental plan at night. The newer standards, on the other hand, are designed primarily to provide illumination and do not fulfill to the same degree the architectural functions served by the present fixtures.

In addition to the areas of the Southwest which are under immediate consideration, the members expressed concern over other locations in the city which are undergoing a transformation in lighting. Major avenues, parks, United States Reservations, and residential areas as well as the grounds comprising the monumental spaces in the city, are all part of and related to the special character of Washington. It is essential that this character be preserved. In a number of instances in which an increased intensity of lighting was found to be necessary and desirable, new pendant

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type fixtures were installed merely as a supplement to the existing system, thus in part retaining the basic character of the neighborhood. The Commission recommends this procedure wherever possible. Not only will the desirable features of the present fixtures be saved, but perhaps a savings in money will be realized by not discarding all existing lighting, thus avoiding a total replacement program with new pendant fixtures.

Enclosed is a plan of the District of Columbia on which are indicated areas which the Commission considers to be especially important in relation to the overall city, and where they hope the programs they are suggesting here can be followed to the fullest extent. For all locations within the Shipstead-Luce area, (excluding the area south of Independence Avenue as outlined on the map), they recommend retention of the existing pole type standards, or replacement with units of the same design as the original. For those avenues outside the Shipstead-Luce area, which bear a close relationship to important monuments, they also recommend that the existing pole type light be retained to the greatest extent possible.

There are other areas as well which are equally important and which should be given the most thoughtful attention, e.g., the many residential areas where the implementation of motor traffic circulation is not the prime consideration.

High intensity of street lighting, and the benefits that may accrue from this method, make but one factor in the appearance and utility of the city. The Commission has never regarded the present pendant type light used by itself as suitable for the important areas of the city. At these locations, they recommend serious consideration of the pole type design recently approved for use in the Southwest Monumental area. It is a design intended especially for an urban setting. The same cannot be said for the pendant type light of which the essential function is to provide highway lighting.

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts will be held on September 18. We would be glad to discuss this important matter further with you at that time.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brig. Gen. F.J.Clarke
Engineer Commissioner for the
District of Columbia
District Building
Washington, D.C.

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May 22, 1962

REPORT OF THE ZONING ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO ZONING REGULATIONS

May 25, 1962 HEARING

Add a new Section 7515 to read:

"Section 7515 -- Open Arcades

7515.1 The purpose of this Section is to encourage arcades at sidewalk level so as to permit building design which will provide more pedestrain convenience and result in greater open area adjacent to public streets without loss of rentable floor space. To this end and solely for these purposes the Board of Zoning Adjustment may, subject to standards and conditions specified herein, authorize a floor area ratio credit of not exceeding 0.25 provided:

7515.11 The provisions of this Section shall apply only in the R-5-C, R-5-D, C-1, C-2, C-3-A, C-3-B and C-4 Districts to buildings hereafter erected, altered or enlarged.

7515.12 The area of the arcade shall not exceed 25% of the gross floor area of the first floor.

7515.13 The additional gross floor area permitted under this Section shall not be counted in determining the amount of off-street parking spaces or loading berths.

7515.14 Storage of wares or goods in the arcade is prohibited; display or sale of wares or goods is permitted as authorized by the Board.

7515.15 The Board may impose such requirements pertaining to design, appearance, lighting or such other requirement as it shall deem necessary to carry out the intent of this provision."

Here again, as advocated for balconies, the National Capital Planning Commission is sponsoring a "gimmick" to create greater building density. The same general comments we made with respect to the use of the exception as a tool to accomplish a specific purpose is also applicable in this case. There is a difference however, in that the stated intent of the arcade amendment has a direct relation to a legitimate function of the police power, i.e. public convenience and welfare. What we are saying is, "don't use the exception unless there is no other

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Sect. 7515 cont'd

means of providing a service or condition which is essential in the public interest, and be certain that it is the public interest which is being served."

The regulation as drawn is defective and unworkable. First, the Planning Commission intent is too obscure. Some of the questions which BZA would have to ask are:- What kind of arcades are desired? Should there be a minimum depth or width? A maximum depth? Should a long slot through the core of a building to the rear yard be encouraged? If adjoining a lobby, where does the arcade end and the lobby begin? What about grades adjacent to a sidewalk; are steps up or down approvable? What is meant by the term open? Are aesthetics to be considered, or does the fact itself make an arcade attractive? Does the term adjacent mean touching, or does BZA have jurisdiction where a building is set back from the street? If so, what tests shall apply to conform to the preamble? Should there be a minimum or maximum height? There are more.

The second point is that BZA has too much work to do under existing regulations, and to the extent that conditions can be more clearly defined, it would appear that the Zoning Administrator could relieve BZA of most of the added duties proposed.

It is recommended that the proposal be denied. However, should the Commission desire that the problem be explored further, it is our recommendation that the proposal be returned to the Planning Commission with a request for clarification of intent, following which the Staff of the Zoning Commission should attempt to provide appropriate language.

(S) E. O. CLOUSER

(S) H. O. WEBB, JR.

WILLIAM F. McINTOSH
(dissenting)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD 15 June 1962

C.L. Martin

Zoning Regulations, Section 7515 - Open Arcades

The National Capital Planning Commission has proposed adding a new section to the Zoning Regulations entitled "Section 7515 - - Open Arcades". The proposal was discussed at a public hearing held by the Zoning committee of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade. A majority report of the Zoning Advisory Council opposed the proposal as drafted because it did not describe the kind of arcades desired, what limits there should be on the size and shape of arcades, or whether there should be aesthetic controls. The Zoning Commission has deferred action on the proposal. A newspaper report stated that a Zoning Commission spokesman has indicated "the Commission favors the proposal in principle, but questions imprecise wordings."

In detail, the proposal is as follows:

(1) Section 7515.1 provides that the purpose of the Section is to encourage arcades at the sidewalk level so as to permit building design which will provide more pedestrian convenience and result in greater open area adjacent to public streets "without loss of rentable floor space." The Section authorizes the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant a floor area ratio credit of not exceeding 0.25 subject to certain conditions which are:

(a) The provisions apply only in R-5-C, R-5-D, C-1, C-2, C-3-A, C-3-B and C-4 Districts, that is all districts except Special Purpose districts, and areas classified for low and medium density apartments, one family and row dwellings, and commercial manufacturing (7515.11).

(b) The area of the arcade may not exceed "25% of the gross floor area of the first floor (7515.12).

(c) The additional gross floor area permitted would not be counted in determining the amount of off-street parking spaces or loading berths (7515.13).

(d) Storage of wares or goods in the arcade would be prohibited, but the display of sale of goods would be permitted as authorized by the Board of Zoning Adjustment. (7515.14)

(e) The Board of Zoning Adjustment would be authorized to impose requirements pertaining to design, appearance, lighting or other requirements as it shall deem necessary. (7515.15)

(2) Section 3302 - Floor Area Ratio would be amended to provide that the permitted floor area ratio in R-5-C District (Medium-high density apartment

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houses) be increased from 2.5 to 3.5.

Comments:

1. Allowance of a floor area ratio credit of not exceeding 0.25 would effect the existing floor area ratios in the various Districts as follows:

   a. R-5-C(medium-high density apartments) would be increased from 2.5 to 3.5.

   b. R-5-D (High density apartments) from 5.0 to 5.25.

   c. C-1 (Neighborhood shopping) from 1.0 to 1.25.

   d. C-2 (Neighborhood shopping) from 2.0 to 2.25.

   e. C-3-A (Medium bulk major business and employment) from 3.0 to 3.25.

   f. C-3-B (High bulk major business and employment) from 6.5 to 6.75

   g. C-4 (Central business district) from 8.50 to 8.75.

2. Section 7515.13 provides that the Board of Zoning Adjustment is authorized to impose requirements pertaining to design, appearance, lighting, etc., as it deems necessary. The Board is not composed of qualified architects. However, no provision is made in the proposed amendments, or elsewhere in the zoning regulations, as to the source from which the Board is to seek or receive advice. There is a similar provision in the large scale development regulations under Article 7501. Accordingly, this section ought to be amended to provide that the Board may impose such requirements with the approval of the Zoning Commission which can seek guidance from the Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

G. L. Martin
Counsel

10 July 1962

Dear General Clarke:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on June 20, 1962, considered a proposal, sponsored by the National Capital Planning Commission, to amend the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia with a new section, "Section 7515 - Open Arcades". The Commission also considered a report of the Zoning Advisory Council, dated May 22, 1962, on the proposed amendment.

The members of the Commission have asked me to report to you that the Commission supports in principle a provision in the Zoning Regulations which will encourage the construction of arcades on private property in the commercial areas of the City. They agree that arcades, when properly designed, have added much to convenience of pedestrians in other cities.

However, after carefully considering the provisions of the proposed amendment, the Commission concluded that it would not supply the answers to the many aesthetic problems which will arise if arcades are to be authorized and encouraged. The members believe that very careful consideration should be given to possible impact of arcades on the appearance of the City so that undesirable architectural features are prohibited and positive features are encouraged.

The Commission recommends that approval of the present draft amendment be denied, and that further consideration be given by the National Capital Planning Commission to the questions raised by the Zoning Advisory Council. I have also been authorized by the members to point out that the Commission of Fine Arts will be glad to advise the Zoning Commission on the design aspects of arcades which should be considered in the zoning amendment, if requested to do so.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brig. Gen. F.J.Clarke
Engineer Commissioner for the
District of Columbia
District Building
Washington, D.C.

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JOINT PRESS RELEASE May 18, 1962

THE ARCHITECTS OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION TO WHOM IT WAS DELEGATED TO MEET WITH THE ARCHITECTS OF THE PROPOSED WATERGATE PROJECT CAME TO AN AGREEMENT AT THE MEETING HELD TODAY IN NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

(THE MEMBERS OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION PRESENT WERE: MR. DOUGLAS ORR, VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR. RALPH WALKER AND MR. MICHAEL RAPUANO. FOR THE SPONSORING GROUP PRESENT WAS PROFESSOR LUIGI MORETTI.)

1. THE ARCHITECT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AS DESIGNED BY PROFESSOR LUIGI MORETTI.

2. PROF. MORETTI FOR THE DEVELOPERS AGREED THAT THE HEIGHT OF 130 FEET OF THE BUILDINGS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE TOTAL OF THE BUILDING COMPLEX TO BE ERECTED.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TOTAL BUILT SURFACE AND CUBAGE OF THE HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE PERMISSABLE FOR THE BUILDERS ON THEIR ORIGINAL OWNED SITE UNDER THE EXISTING ZONING REGULATIONS.

4. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT WAS LEFT TO PROF. MORETTI TO SCALE DOWN SOME OR PART OF HIS BUILDINGS TO CERTAIN HEIGHTS MOST DESIRABLE FOR [redacted] ARCHITECTURAL POINTS OF VIEW TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE AIMS.

5. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO REVIEW THE RELATION OF THE BUILDINGS AS PLANNED TO CREATE THE MAXIMUM FEELING OF SPACE BETWEEN THEM.

6. BASED ON THE ABOVE AGREEMENT, THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE ZONING COMMISSION WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ACT ON IT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

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28 May 1962

Dear General Clarke:

I enclose copy of a short statement of the agreement reached at the meeting held in New York on May 18, 1962, at which Mr. Douglas Orr, Vice Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, and Mr. Ralph Walker and Mr. Michael Rapuano, members, were present; also Professor Luigi Moretti, architect of the Watergate Towne Development.

It was understood that Mr. Moretti would revise his plans and send them to the Commission of Fine Arts as soon as possible. When these plans are received the Commission of Fine Arts will be in a position to make a more specific recommendation based on the revised plans and the enclosed agreement. There would seem to be no reason for delaying action on the zoning request, as amended by the letter to you, dated May 25, 1962, from the Island Vista Corporation.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Brig. Gen. Frederick J. Clarke
Chairman, The Zoning Commission
District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

cc-Members of Zoning Commission
Island Vista Corporation, Inc.
Mrs. James H. Rowe

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28 June 1962

Dear Mr. President:

We understand that the railroad Companies presently controlling and using Union Station are seriously considering plans to convert the station building to additional uses, which might require the razing of the existing structure. Many railroad stations and terminals are undergoing a similar fate in other parts of the East. To permit the same situation to occur in Washington would be, in the opinion of this Commission, most unfortunate. We believe that the Union Station merits special consideration because of the building's proximity and relation to the United States Capitol, and to the monumental plan of Washington.

When the 19th Century railroad facilities were moved, at the beginning of this century, from what is now the Mall and the site of the National Gallery on Constitution Avenue, the establishment of a new station became a special opportunity to complete an appropriate monumental composition to the north of the Capitol. The architectural design was prepared by Daniel Burnham, who was also largely responsible for plans for the restoration of the Mall Park system and the development of other features that were elements of the original L'Enfant Plan of Washington. The station building, therefore, occupies an integral place in the design of the City.

An effective way to retain the building in its present form, however, still remains to be found. The members of the Commission asked me at their last meeting on June 20, to write you and, at least, ascertain whether the Federal government might possibly be able to exercise a deciding role in preserving it.

We know that it has been suggested at various times that the government should purchase the station property. Once, in fact, the president of one of the railroads reportedly offered to sell the station for a nominal sum provided that the railroads would be allowed to use the facilities under the same terms that airlines now use National Airport. Although this offer may not have been intended to be taken seriously, there is actually much to be said for the proposal. The railroads are, indeed, operating under the

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handicap of excessive costs necessary to maintain their facilities, a burden which the airlines do not share to the same extent.

More important, in our opinion, is the continuing urgency in this city for a major rail facility that befits the special character of Washington as the Capital of the United States. This urgency, it would seem, will necessarily grow. Airspace over New York and Washington is becoming increasingly crowded and eventually the priority of flights originating from greater distances will preclude much of the air travel between the two cities. In addition the capacity for handling the number of automobiles arriving in the central part of the city has nearly been reached. All these considerations seem to necessitate the continuation of a rail facility conveniently located, such as the Union Station.

I hope you will agree, too, that Washington requires more than an ordinary transit facility. Architecturally Union Station is an exceptional building, and fills in every respect the need for an important gateway to the city. To sacrifice it for the sake of interim profit to the railroads would, in our opinion, be a great mistake. I hope that we may save the Union Station from the unfortunate fate that hangs over Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

Faithfully yours,

David K. Finley
Chairman

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Copies to:

Attorney General
The Secretary of Labor
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Administrator of General Services
Architect of the Capitol
President, Board of Commissioners
of the District of Columbia
Chairman, National Capital Planning
Commission

24 July 1962

Dear Mr. Boutin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at a recent meeting, discussed current efforts of the General Services Administration to meet the growing needs of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government for office space.

It was noted that recent action by the Congress has removed restriction of the taking area to those areas prescribed by the Public Buildings Act of 1959. The Commission of Fine Arts has long considered that additional Federal Office Buildings could, and probably should, be located on the west side of 17th Street Northwest, between the Winder Building and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, facing the Old State, War and Navy Building.

In the last few years there has been a considerable amount of construction of high-rise commercial buildings on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, westward from the corner of 17th Street. In fact, an application is now pending before the District of Columbia Zoning Commission to change the zoning of the north half of the block bounded by G Street, 18th Street and 19th Street, to a C-4 Zone, which would permit buildings 130 feet in height.

The Commission believes that it would be most regrettable to construct commercial buildings of this height on this land so close to the Old State, War and Navy Building, and the White House grounds. In order to protect the White House and the Executive Offices, the Commission has asked me to recommend that serious consideration be given to an examination of the properties in Squares 168 and 169 to determine the feasibility of acquiring this land for eventual use by the Federal Government.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Bernard L. Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

David E. Finley
Chairman

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26 June 1962

Dear Mr. Boutin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting of June 20, 1962, considered the request of Mr. J. Rowland Snyder, Director of the Design Division, Public Buildings Service, for advice on commissioning an artist to execute two vitreous mosaic murals, approximately 37 feet long by seventeen feet high, to be located in the entrance lobbies of the Courthouse and Federal Office Building at Memphis, Tennessee. The names of two artists, Mr. Carroll Cloar and Mr. Burton Callicott, were submitted for consideration by the architect, Mr. A.L. Aydelott.

After carefully considering photographs of examples of the work of both artists the Commission recommended that Mr. Carroll Cloar be given the commission to execute the mural.

The Commission would be glad to see the proposed designs for the muralsdecorations when studies have been prepared.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Bernard Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

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22 June 1962

Dear Mr. Boutin:

I am writing in regard to cleaning the exterior walls and roof of the Executive Office Building, (Old State, War and Navy Building), which has recently been started on the chimney caps and on the walls of the north courtyard, where sample tests of cleaning methods had originally been conducted on small areas of the wall surfaces.

We now understand that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and other officials of the Bureau whose offices are within the Executive Office Building have expressed dissatisfaction with the finished appearance of the light washing recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts. In the opinion of the officials of the Bureau of the Budget the difference in the treated and untreated portions of the wall was so slight as to not warrant the expenditure of money required for cleaning the entire building. They favored instead a sandblasting treatment, which, at their direction, had been tested on another small portion of the courtyard, and appeared considerably lighter.

Responding to the request of Mr. Eugene Van Vranken, Director of Region Three offices, I asked the members of the Commission of Fine Arts to visit the north courtyard on June 19th in order to compare the results of both methods of cleaning, as applied to larger surfaces than had been seen in the previous samples.

The members of the Commission, after visiting the building, unanimously reaffirmed their original recommendation that they would prefer to see no cleaning of the exterior elevations, or at most, the recommended water process in which the patina of the present stonework would be sufficiently retained. The sandblasting treatment would not only destroy all the desirable tone that has been acquired over the years, but the original honing of the granite would be impaired. The whiteness of the finished surface after sandblasting in a building of such large size and scale as the Executive Office Building, would tend to increase its domination over all other buildings in the area. The Commission would also like to point out that the architectural style of the facades is marked by a great amount of detail, and the total effect would be further compounded by the relatively large proportion of the roof, the chimneys and

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other ornamental fixtures. In contrast to the simplicity and small scale of the White House, the effect would be overpowering.

The Commission has no objection to completing the courtyards with the sandblasting treatment, where the additional brightness might be desirable in the adjoining offices. But no further treatment beyond what was previously recommended can be endorsed.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Bernard L. Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

cc- Mr. Broadbent - Bureau of the Budget

Statement of David E. Finley, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts, at the hearing before the Subcommittee on Enrolled Bills and Library of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, on June 8, 1962.

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In accordance with the request of the Chairman of this Committee, I am glad to give you the views of the Commission of Fine Arts with reference to the proposed memorial to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to be erected in West Potomac Park in Washington.

The bills under consideration (H.J.Res.712 and H.J.Res. 713), would provide an appropriation by Congress of $200,000 with which to carry out a fund-raising campaign to collect funds to erect the Pedersen and Tilney design for the proposed memorial and for other purposes. The Congress has already appropriated $150,000 to conduct a competition for the design and to pay Pedersen and Tilney and five other competitors for their designs.

Since the Commission of Fine Arts is not in favor of erecting the Pedersen and Tilney design, it cannot recommend an appropriation for this purpose.

In reply to the Chairman's request for the Commission's advice with reference to including a statue or bas relief of President Roosevelt as part of the Pedersen and Tilney design, the members of the Commission understood that this was an after-thought on the part of the Roosevelt Memorial Commission and was not part of the original design. The members of the Commission of Fine Arts felt that this suggestion was not compatible with the design as submitted by Pedersen and Tilney and chosen by the Jury of Award. Also it was the opinion of the Commission of Fine Arts that any statue or bas relief of President Roosevelt would necessarily be out of scale with the monumental forms that would comprise the Pedersen and Tilney design.

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With reference to the design, itself, I would like to read an extract from the statement issued by the Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on February 21, 1962, which represents the views of the Commission and its unanimous recommendations regarding the design.

"The design consists of eight monumental steles, the highest rising to a height of 167 feet, made of concrete, and having extracts of President Roosevelt's speeches in bronze embedded in the surface of the steles. The monument would be placed in the midst of an area of 26½ acres in West Potomac Park.

"When this site was chosen, general recognition was given to the significance of its location, since the proposed memorial would be of necessity closely related to the three great memorials in this area, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and the Washington Monument. Public Law 86-214, approved September 1, 1959, provides that " The competition for the proposed memorial shall be carried out so as to insure that it will be harmonious as to location, design, and land use with the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial".

"The Commission is aware of positive qualities in the proposed design; those of great dramatic force and impact, of imaginative and stirring effects of light and shade, and the expression of much that is characteristic of our times.

"The members of the Commission of Fine Arts, after careful consideration of the design, chosen by the Jury, for the proposed memorial to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, agreed unanimously to withhold their approval, without prejudice, for the following reasons:

"1. The design does not conform with the requirements of Public Law, 86-214, which provides that 'the competition for the proposed memorial shall be carried out so as to insure that it will be harmonious as to location, design and land use, with the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.'

a. As to 'location', the design, by its great size and height, competes with rather than supplements the three memorials with which it is required to be 'harmonious'.

b. As to 'design', it is lacking in repose, an essential element in memorial art, and the qualities of monumental permanence that are the essence of the three memorials with which it must by law conform.

"2. Materials. The Commission questions the durability of the materials that are suggested for its execution."

In addition to the statement, I should like to point out that the Roosevelt Commission received from the Jury of Award, appointed by them, the choice of the Pedersen and Tilney design in December 1960. This design, with the addition of a likeness of President Franklin Roosevelt, as a statue or bas relief, was brought by the Roosevelt Commission to the Commission of Fine Arts on January 17, 1962. After hearing all those who wished to speak for or against the design, the Commission of Fine Arts took the matter under advisement for a month in order to give careful consideration to the various aspects of the memorial, particularly the design, height, material, and the effect on the neighboring Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials.

As a result of this study, the seven members of the Commission of Fine Arts unanimously urge that the design by Messrs. Pedersen and Tilney be not approved by the Congress for erection on the site selected. They also recommend that H.J.Res 712 and H.J.Res.713 be not enacted into law.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Finley
Mr. de Weldon
Mr. Hurd
Mr. Orr
Mr. Perry
Mr. Kayuano
Mr. Walker

12 June 1962

The purpose of this memorandum is to call to your attention some points of interest in the final report to the President of the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space, dated May 23, 1962.

By comparing the draft copies of the Report which the Commission commented upon by request of Secretary of Labor Goldberg, thefollowing results are noted:

In regard to the portion of the Report dealing with standards of Federal architecture:

a. The Commission recommended that the word "contemporary" should be used where it applies to architecture or art. This recommendation was not followed by the Committee.

b. The Commission stated that in its opinion competitions for the design of Federal buildings should not be recommended. The Report did not heed this advice.

c. The Commission recommended that contracts to design Federal buildings should be given to one architectural firm. The Report makes no mention of this recommendation.

d. The Commission recommended that the provision in the draft report that one per cent of the total cost of a building should be allotted for the purchase of fine arts be strengthened by providing that this sum should be reduced proportionately and not eliminated if the cost of the building must be reduced. The Report eliminated the provision altogether. (Note: A Senate Committee reported recently on Senator Fullbright's bill on this subject, and recommended the proposed one per cent allocation for the purchase of art be reduced to 1/2 of one per cent.)

As you will note, the portion of the Report regarding the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue appears to disregard the Commission's recommendation that a small Presidential committee be formed, and

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places the central responsibility for planning the redevelopment in the hands of the National Capital Planning Commission.

In summary it appears that none of the recommendations of the Commission of Fine Arts to the Secretary of Labor was accepted.

Please note also the statement at the bottom of page eleven that the Administrator of the General Services Administration, should "exercise a broader management planning role on behalf of the President." No details are given, but a draft Executive Order will be presented to the President by the Committee in the future.

IV. LEGISLATION

1. H.R. 10188-2/12/62-Mr.Multer-87th Congress - Rpt Requested and Submitted to Congress

   "To amend sections 2 and 5 of the Act entitled 'An Act to regulate the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semi-public buildings in the Georgetown Area of the National Capital', approved September 22, 1950 (64 Stat. 903).

2. H.R. 10225-2/15/62-Mr.Weiss-87th Congress - Rpt Requested and Submitted to Congress

   Same as H.R. 10188

3. H.R. 11804-5/17/62-Mr. Widnall-87th Congress - Rpt Requested

   "To amend the joint resolution of September 1, 1959, with respect to the establishment, on the site reserved thereby, of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial."

4. S.J.Res. 187-5/14/62-Mr.Humphrey-87th Congress-Rpt Requested (Identical to H.J.Res. 712 and 713)

   "To authorize and direct the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission to raise funds for the construction of a memorial."

5. S. 2501-8/31/61-Mr.Douglas-87th Congress-Rpt Requested

   "To establish the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial National Park."

6. S. 2934-3/1/62-Mr.Smathers-87th Congress - Rpt Requested

   "To authorize the erection of a monument in commemoration of the first United States manned vehicle orbital flight around the earth."

7. S.J. Res. 195-6/6/62-87th Congress - Information Only

   "Creating and establishing the Capitol Commission.".

8. H.J.Res. 253 and S.J.Res. 69 - 87th Congress - Request for Reconsideration of Report

   "Establishing a national shrine commission to select and procure a site and formulate plans for the construction of a permanent memorial building in memory of the veterans of the Civil War."

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Hon. David E.Finley, Chairman
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Interior Department.

Dear Mr. Finley:

I feel sure you have not forgotten me, nor the time I wanted Fort Stephen's as a site for the National Memorial Shrine or how the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission Officers took me over to Temple Heights and suggested that beautiful historic spot as the site for our Memorial.

Naturally, I was delighted -we all worked together in those days. I believe it was in 1941 or thereabouts that this legislation passed the Senate (sen.Bilbo, of Tennesee, Chairman, and went to the House only a few days prior to Adjournment. But, alas too late to get to the Floor for a vote.

In the 85th Congress under Hon. CharlesA.Buckley, Chairman Public Works Committee this legislation was sent to all the interested Departments and Agencies and their suggested amendments were all incorporated - then under Hon. Usher L.Burdick and Senator this legislation was once again referred to the aforesaid interested Departments and Agencies - and for the second time not one of those Departments and Agencies ever opposed this Memorial

Naturally I did not think it would be sent to those same Departments and Agencies, but it was and to my astonishment and sorow you said: " The principle objection of the Commission of Fine Arts is that 'except for the memorial and the auditorium other spaces would dublicate either existing or authorized by Congress.

Dear MR. Finley, here is our reply(page 4 of my letter) - Won't you please, now that you have heard my plea, kindly withdraw your objections and recommend the approval of H.J.Res253 and of the S.J.Res.69 now before the Rules and Administration in the Senate ?

I have always held the Commission in such high esteem, I knew Chairman Clark and dear Dr. Cammemer. always my friend as I believe you are also.

With every good and kind wish for your health, happiness and success I remain
Cordially yours,

Margaret H. Worrell

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10 July 1962

Dear Mrs. Worrell:

I read your letter of June 11 to the members of the Commission of Fine Arts, at their meeting on June 19, 1962, and asked them to reconsider the report which the Commission submitted on H.J.Res. 253 and S.J.Res.69, 87th Congress, "Establishing a National Shrine Commission to select and procure a site and formulate plans for the construction of a permanent memorial building in memory of the Veterans of the Civil War."

After carefully considering your request, the members of the Commission concluded that they could not change their report to the Congress of April 18, 1961.

It was very kind of you to bring me the letter and to give me your views.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
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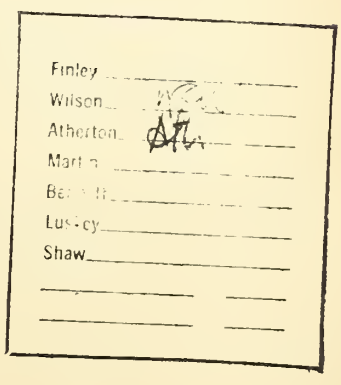

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